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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN DUTY INCREASE ON ZINC

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1. INFORMATION IN REFTEL REGARDING INCREASE IN THE EFFECTIVE BRAZILIAN IMPORT DUTY ON ZINC IS CORRECT. IT APPEARS THAT "TEMPORARY" 3 PERCENT DUTY RATE HAD EXPIRED AND A NEW "TEMPORARY" 7 PERCENT RATE WAS APPLIED. IN ABSENCE OF NEW "TEMPORARY" RATE, DUTY WOULD HAVE REVERTED TO 30 PERCENT AS INDICATED IN BRAZILIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT. NEW 7 PERCENT RATE WILL APPLY FOR PERIOD ONE YEAR, FROM MARCH 11, 1975. AT END OF THIS PERIOD NEW "TEMPORARY" RATE WILL HAVE TO BE DECREED OR DUTY WILL REVERT TO 30 PERCENT RATE.

2. ZINC IMPORTS FROM LAFTA COUNTRIES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN DUTY FREE SINCE AT LEAST 1970. CUSTOMS POLICY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 830, SHOWS SUCH IMPORTS WERE DUTY FREE AT THAT TIME.

3. REASON FOR DUTY INCREASE FOR NON-LAFTA IMPORTS IS A MATTER OF SPECULATION. GOB, AS MEMBER OF LAFTA, IS COMMITTED TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO LAFTA GOODS. IT IS POSSIBLE THIS WAS A REASON FOR THE DUTY INCREASE.

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4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS NO CHANCE GOB WOULD REDUCE

RATE FROM 7 TO 3 PERCENT DURING EFFECTIVE PERIOD,
I.E. UNTIL MARCH 11, 1976. WE WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION
AGAIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME.
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